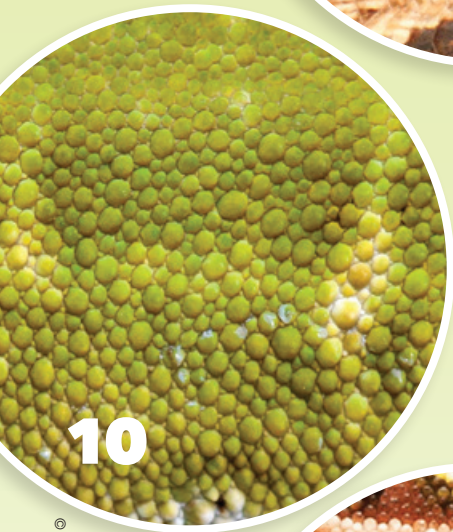




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They're diverse

Our number and variety of gecko species are unusual, especially because our climate is normally too cold for geckos.



GECKOS

We have about 44 native species, grouped into seven types.

Atypical toes

The lamellae of our native geckos are arranged differently from other geckos. "Lamellae" are scales on the bottom of geckos' toes. They have microscopic bristles that help give their toes their gripping power.

They don't talk much

Only sometimes our geckos will chatter or squeak. Geckos elsewhere are much more vocal.

Jewelled gecko. © Carey Knox



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Longer living

Our skinks, like our geckos, are far longer living than mokomoko | lizards found elsewhere.

Live young

There is only one species of NZ skink that lays eggs. Our geckos give birth too, instead of laying eggs. This is an adaptation to our colder climate. Our geckos often have twins.

Awakōpaka skink. © Carey Knox

SKINKS

We have over 60 native species.

Find the answers at kcc.org.nz (Search "skin").